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PROGRAMME ADVISORY COMMITTEES
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Programme Advisory Committees have been set up for different Doordarshan and AIR Kendras;

(b) if so, the details of appointing authority norms for composition of such Committees and the number of meetings held by each Kendra during the last two years;

(c) whether such Committees have not been set up for some Kendras; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): With the constitution of Prasar Bharati as an autonomous body witheffect from 23rd November,1997, Prasar Bharati is competent to constitute Programme Advisory Committees (PACs). Prasar Bharati Board has decided to formulate newguidelines before forming PACs in Doordarshan Kendras/AIR Stations. Pendingfinalisation of guidelines, PACs which were constituted by the Government in 1995-96 for a tenure of two years are still functioning in 74 AIR Stations. Prasar Bharati hasmentioned that meetings of such committees are held once in three months. Prasar Bharati has further intimated that no PACs exist for Doordarshan Kendras.